

Amendments to the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 6 and add claim 12 as indicated in the listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

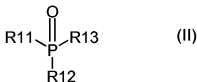
Claims 1 – 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A herbicidal composition for controlling weeds in maize comprising:

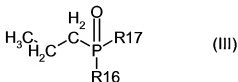
(i) a herbicidally effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of 2-(2'-nitro-4'-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2'-nitro-4'-methylsulphonyloxy benzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2'-chloro-4'-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 4,4-dimethyl-2-(4-methanesulphonyl-2-nitrobenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-methanesulphonylbenzoyl)-5-methyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione and 2-(2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-ethanesulphonylbenzoyl)-5-methyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione; and

(ii) an organic ~~phosphate~~, phosphonate or phosphinate adjuvant at a concentration of less than 0.5% w/v ~~w/v~~.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): A herbicidal composition according to claim 6, wherein the ~~phosphate~~, phosphonate or phosphinate adjuvant is a compound of formula II



wherein R¹¹ is an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or a group -[OCH₂CHR¹⁴]_t-OR¹⁵ wherein R¹⁴ is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, t is from 0 to 50 and R¹⁵ is hydrogen or an alkyl group containing from 1 to 20 carbon atoms; and R¹² and R¹³ are independently (i) an alkyl or alkenyl group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms; (ii) optionally substituted phenyl; (iii) an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or (iv) a group -[OCH₂CHR¹⁴]_t-OR¹⁵ as herein defined; or (v) a group of formula (III)



wherein R¹⁶ is an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or a group -[OCH₂CHR¹⁴]_t-OR¹⁵ as herein defined and R¹⁷ is an alkyl group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted phenyl, an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or a group -[OCH₂CHR¹⁴]_t-OR¹⁵ as herein defined; and wherein t is from 0 to ten.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Original) A herbicidal composition according to claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (II) is a phosphonate in which R¹¹ and R¹² are both independently alkoxy groups and R¹³ is an alkyl, alkenyl or optionally substituted phenyl group.

Claim 10 (Original) A herbicidal composition according to claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (II) is a phosphinate in which R¹¹ is an alkoxy group and R¹² and R¹³ are both independently an alkyl, alkenyl or optionally substituted phenyl group.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn) A process for the control of weeds, said process comprising applying to the locus of the weeds a herbicidally effective amount of a composition as claimed in claim 6.

Claim 12 (New) A herbicidal composition according to claim 9, wherein the compound of formula (II) is (bis(2-ethylhexyl)-2-ethylhexylphosphonate).